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Draft To: Miles Hanberg <milesahanberg@utah.gov>

Thu, Mar 24, 2016 at 11:54 AM

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Hi Miles,

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**Miles Hanberg** <milesahanberg@utah.gov>  
To: April Abate <aprilabate@utah.gov>

Tue, Apr 12, 2016 at 2:57 PM

April,

Myself, Pat Rainbolt, and Brian Maxfield reviewed the Simplot documents. Brian and Pat have been working with Simplot on this sage grouse issue over the last couple of years. Collectively, we did not have many comments. The one thing would point out is as follows: On the main document, page 6, lines 1 and 2 should read ...."vernal mine in the Uintah Sage Grouse Management Area" to correctly identify the SGMA they are talking about. Otherwise everything looked good to us and we do not have any concerns with the documents at this time. Thank you for soliciting our input and we look forward to being able to work with you in the future.

Miles

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**April Abate** <aprilabate@utah.gov>  
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Wed, Apr 13, 2016 at 2:23 PM

Hi Miles,

Thank you and your staff for taking the time to review the Simplot work plan for the sage grouse. I will note your comment and pass it along to the consultants for Simplot.

Best regards,

April

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**Simplot Sage Grouse Mitigation Plan Addendum M/47/0007**

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Wed, Mar 23, 2016 at 4:34 PM

To: Miles Hanberg &lt;mileshanberg@utah.gov&gt;

Cc: Paul Baker &lt;paulbaker@utah.gov&gt;, Emily Berry &lt;emilyberry@utah.gov&gt;

Hi Miles,

We recently sent you a letter on March 11, 2016 asking DWR to review and comment as appropriate on the 2015 Greater Sage-grouse Habitat Assessment Report prepared by HDR of Boise, ID. We received an addendum to that report summarizing their proposed 2016 mitigation activities. It appears that the consultant should have included with the 2015 report but submitted it to us a few weeks later. We would like to request that you consider this addendum as part of your review.

I am attaching an electronic version of the addendum. Please let me know if you would also like me to send you a hard copy of the report. I assume you have received our letter requesting this review? If you haven't please let me know.

Thank you Miles. Feel free to call me if you have questions or would like to discuss the Simplot mitigation work further.

April

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**Miles Hanberg** <mileshanberg@utah.gov>

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April

I did receive a copy of the report and have started to review it. I will also look at the addendum. Could you also forward an electronic version of the initial report. Brian Maxfield and Pat Rainbolt from our office have both worked with Simplot and I would like them to review as well. If you can do that I hope to have some input back to you in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks  
Miles

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**Utah DWR comments regarding the Simplot Sage Grouse report M/47/0007 Task 7239**

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To: "Murray, Michael (Boise)" <Mike.Murray@hdrinc.com>

Cc: John Spencer <John.Spencer@simplot.com>, Paul Baker <paulbaker@utah.gov>

Hello Mr. Murray,

The Division has forwarded along the Sage Grouse report to the UDWR Vernal field office for review and comment. Miles Hanberg of UDWR reviewed the report and made the following comment:

*On the main document, page 6, lines 1 and 2 should read ...."vernal mine in the Uintah Sage Grouse Management Area" to correctly identify the SGMA they are talking about. Otherwise everything looked good to us and we do not have any concerns with the documents at this time. Thank you for soliciting our input and we look forward to being able to work with you in the future.*

Please make this minor clarification on the report and submit the corrected page as an amendment.

Thank you.

April

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Thanks April, we will make the fix and send out an addendum , and get going on the field work preparation.

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